

Year 8 Learning Journey: English

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Half Term 6

In your final half term, you will develop transactional writing skills with a focus on articles. You will consider themes that affect the society we live in and problems that could affect your future. This unit will develop your oracy and debate skills.

Writing Assessment: Non-Fiction Writing

Unit 3 Imagining the Future

Half Term 5

This half term is entitled 'Imaging the Future'. You will consider the depiction of the future using Utopian and Dystopian literature. You will focus on developing single word analysis skills with the introduction of semantic fields.

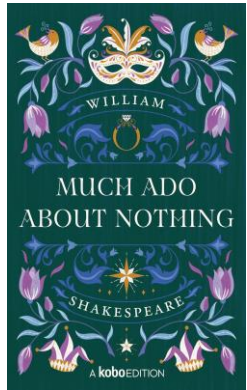
Reading Assessment: Extract Analysis

Unit 2 Powerful Voices

Half Term 4

To develop your knowledge of Shakespeare from Year 7, you will now focus on a whole Shakespeare text: Much Ado About Nothing. Here, you will develop an understanding of issues in Elizabethan society as well as the plot, characters and themes in the play.

Reading Assessment: Shakespeare Analysis



Half Term 3

Next, you will develop your knowledge of purpose, form and audience of transactional writing. You will consider speeches of figures that fought for their survival, considering the methods used to express their point of view.

Writing Assessment: Non-Fiction Writing.

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Unit 1 Conflict

Half Term 1

Year 8 begins with a poetry unit under the theme of 'Conflict'. Here you will develop your knowledge of poetic methods as well as learning about the importance of context in understanding the poet's viewpoint.

Reading Assessment: Poetry Analysis



Half Term 2

Continuing with the themes of 'conflict,' you will read the novel 'My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece' and consider the different types of conflict that are explored. Alongside this, you will develop your own fiction writing skills, focusing on the use of flashbacks and character perspective.

Writing Assessment: Fiction Writing



By the end of Year 8:

- ✓ You will have developed knowledge of literature from different eras: Elizabethan, Victorian, 20th and 21st centuries.
- ✓ You will build on your knowledge of poetry, plays and novels from Year 7 and begin to analyse these more independently.
- ✓ You will be able to use quotations to support your reading responses and will be able to explain their effect.
- ✓ Your writing skills will be stronger, you will be able to match your writing to purpose and audience using a range of appropriate devices and increasingly ambitious vocabulary.

How will you be assessed in English?

- You will be formally assessed six times throughout the year. Three times on writing skills and three times on reading skills.
- You will also complete two oracy assessments this year. These will assess your speaking and listening skills.
- You will have three pieces of homework per unit: a reading task, a skills task and a recall mat.
- Each lesson will begin with a 'student engage' task which will connect to your prior learning and allow you to assess your own knowledge.